# Left and right magnifying elements in semigroups of linear transformations with restricted range 

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#### Abstract

An element $a$ of a semigroup $S$ is called left [right] magnifying if there exists a proper subset $M$ of $S$ such that $S=a M[S=M a]$. Let $L(V)$ be the linear transformation semigroup on a vector space $V$. It is well-known that $L(V)$ contains left [right] magnifying elements if and only if the dimension of $V$ is infinite. In case its dimension is infinite, $\alpha$ is left magnifying if and only if $\alpha$ is surjective and not injective and $\alpha$ is right magnifying if and only if $\alpha$ is injective and not


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surjective. To generalize this results, let $W$ be a subspace of $V$ and $L(V, W)=\{\alpha \in L(V) \mid \operatorname{im} \alpha \subseteq W\}$. Then $L(V, W)$ is a subsemigroup of $L(V)$ and if $W=V$, then $L(V, W)=L(V)$. Our purpose in this paper is to give necessary and sufficient conditions for elements in $L(V, W)$ to be left or right magnifying.

## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

The notions of left and right magnifying elements of a semigroup were introduced by Ljapin [6]. An element $a$ of a semigroup $S$ is called left [right] magnifying if there exists a proper subset $M$ of $S$ such that $S=a M[S=M a]$. Some author determined several properties of left and right magnifying elements in semigroups. Migliorini [8] gave some remarkable properties of left and right magnifying elements in semigroups. Minimal subsets associated with the left [right] magnifying were introduced and studied by Migliorini [9]. Catino and Migliorini [1] gave necessary and sufficient conditions for any semigroup to contain left and right magnifying elements. Gutan [4] studied semigroups with strong and non strong magnifying elements. Gutan [5] showed that every semigroup containing magnifying elements is factorizable. Recently, Chinram and Baupradist gave necessary and sufficient conditions for elements in some generalized transformation semigroups in [2] and [3]. Let $V$ be a vector space over a field $F$ and let $L(V)$ denote the set of all linear transformations from $V$ into itself, that is, $L(V)=\{\alpha: V \rightarrow V \mid \alpha$ is a linear transformation $\}$. It is well-known that $L(V)$ is a semigroup under the composition of maps and the semigroup $L(V)$ is called the linear transformation semigroup on $V$. Magill, Jr. [7] studied left magnifying elements and right magnifying elements in transformation semigroups and applied to linear transformation semigroups over a vector space and semigroups of all continuous selfmaps of a topological space. Moreover, he gave necessary and sufficient conditions for elements in $L(V)$ to be left or right magnifying.

Theorem 1.1. ([7]) $L(V)$ contains left [right] magnifying elements if and only if the dimension of $V$ is infinite. In case its dimension is infinite, $\alpha \in L(V)$ is a left magnifying element if and only if $\alpha$ is surjective and not injective and $\alpha$ is a right magnifying element if and only if $\alpha$ is injective and not surjective.

To generalize a semigroup $L(V)$ and Theorem 1.1, let $W$ be a subspace of $V$ and $L(V, W)=\{\alpha \in L(V) \mid \operatorname{im} \alpha \subseteq W\}$. Then $L(V, W)$ is a subsemigroup of $L(V)$ and $L(V, V)=L(V)$. Sulivan gave some remarkable properties of
$L(V, W)$ in [11]. Recently, Sommanee and Sanghanan [10] studied the regular part of $L(V, W)$. Our purpose in this paper is to give necessary and sufficient conditions for elements in $L(V, W)$ to be left or right magnifying.

## 2 Main Results

We will write functions from the right, $(v) \alpha$ rather than $\alpha(v)$ and compose from the left to the right, $(v)(\alpha \beta)$ rather than $(\beta \circ \alpha)(v)$, for $\alpha, \beta \in L(V)$ and $v \in V$.

### 2.1 Left magnifying elements

Lemma 2.1. If $\operatorname{dim} W<\operatorname{dim} V$, then $L(V, W)$ has no left magnifying element.

Proof. If $\operatorname{dim} W=0$, then $W=\{0\}$ and $|L(V, W)|=1$. This implies that $L(V, W)$ has no left magnifying element. Assume that $\operatorname{dim} W>0$. Let $\alpha$ be a left magnifying element in $L(V, W)$. So there exists a proper subset $M$ of $L(V, W)$ such that $\alpha M=L(V, W)$. Since $\operatorname{dim} W<\operatorname{dim} V, \alpha$ is not injective. So there exist $w \in W$ and $v_{1}, v_{2} \in V$ such that $\left\{v_{1}, v_{2}\right\}$ is linearly independent and $\left(v_{1}\right) \alpha=\left(v_{2}\right) \alpha=w$. Let $w^{\prime} \in W$ be such that $w^{\prime} \neq w$ and $B$ be a basis of $V$ containing $v_{1}$ and $v_{2}$. Define $\beta \in L(V, W)$ on $B$ by for $b \in B$,

$$
(b) \beta= \begin{cases}w & \text { if } v=v_{1} \\ w^{\prime} & \text { if } v \neq v_{1}\end{cases}
$$

Then there is no $\gamma \in L(V, W)$ such that $\alpha \gamma=\beta$, a contradiction. Hence $L(V, W)$ has no left magnifying element.

Lemma 2.2. Assume that $\operatorname{dim} W=\operatorname{dim} V$. If $\alpha$ is a left magnifying element in $L(V, W)$, then $\alpha$ is injective.

Proof. Assume that $\alpha$ is a left magnifying element in $L(V, W)$. Then there exists a proper subset $M$ of $L(V, W)$ such that $\alpha M=L(V, W)$. Since $\operatorname{dim} W=$ $\operatorname{dim} V$, there exists an injective linear transformation $\beta$ in $L(V, W)$. Therefore there exists $\gamma \in M$ such that $\alpha \gamma=\beta$. This implies $\alpha$ is injective.

Lemma 2.3. Assume that $W \neq V$. Let $\alpha \in L(V, W)$. If $\alpha$ is injective, then $\alpha$ is a left magnifying element in $L(V, W)$.

Proof. Assume that $W \neq V$ and $\alpha$ is injective. Let $M=\{\gamma \in L(V, W) \mid$ $(v) \gamma=0$ for all $v \notin \operatorname{im} \alpha\}$. We claim that $\alpha M=L(V, W)$. Let $\beta \in L(V, W)$. Let $B^{\prime}$ be a basis of $V$. Since $\alpha$ is injective, $A=\left\{(b) \alpha \mid b \in B^{\prime}\right\}$ is linearly independent and $<A>=\operatorname{im} \alpha$. Let $B$ be a basis of $V$ containing $A$. Define $\gamma \in L(V, W)$ on $B$ by for $x \in B$

$$
(x) \gamma= \begin{cases}(b) \beta & \text { if } x \in A \text { and } x=(b) \alpha \\ 0 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

Then $(v) \gamma=0$ for all $v \notin \operatorname{im} \alpha$, and so $\gamma \in M$. For $b \in B^{\prime}$, we have (b) $\alpha \gamma=((b) \alpha) \gamma=(b) \beta$. Then $\alpha \gamma=\beta$, this implies that $\alpha M=L(V, W)$. Hence $\alpha$ is a left magnifying element in $L(V, W)$.

Example 2.1. Let $V$ be a vector space over a field $\mathbb{R}$ such that $\operatorname{dim} V=\aleph_{0}$ and $B=\left\{b_{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$ is a basis of $V$. Let $W=<\left\{b_{n} \mid n \in 2 \mathbb{N}\right\}>$. Define $\alpha \in$ $L(V, W)$ on $B$ by $\left(b_{n}\right) \alpha=b_{2 n}$ for all positive integers $n$. Then $\alpha$ is injective. Let $M=\left\{\gamma \in L(V, W) \mid\left(b_{2 n-1}\right) \gamma=0\right.$ for all $\left.n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$. Let $\beta \in L(V, W)$. By Lemma 2.3, we define $\gamma \in L(V, W)$ by for all $n \in \mathbb{N},\left(b_{2 n}\right) \gamma=\left(b_{n}\right) \beta$ and $\left(b_{2 n-1}\right) \gamma=0$. So $\gamma \in M$ and $\alpha \gamma=\beta$.

For example, if $\beta \in L(V, W)$ such that $\left(b_{n}\right) \beta=b_{4 n}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Define $\gamma \in L(V, W)$ on $B$ by $\left(b_{2 n}\right) \gamma=b_{4 n}$ and $\left(b_{2 n-1}\right) \gamma=0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. So $\gamma \in M$ and if $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $\left(b_{n}\right) \alpha \gamma=\left(\left(b_{n}\right) \alpha\right) \gamma=\left(b_{2 n}\right) \gamma=b_{4 n}=\left(b_{n}\right) \beta$.

Theorem 2.4. Assume that $\operatorname{dim} W=\operatorname{dim} V$ and $W \neq V$. Then $\alpha$ is left magnifying of $L(V, W)$ if and only if $\alpha$ is injective.

Proof. This follows from Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3.
Corollary 2.5. Let $\alpha \in L(V)$. $\alpha$ is a left magnifying element in $L(V)$ if and only if $\alpha$ is injective but not surjective.

Proof. Assume that $\alpha$ is injective but not surjective. Let $M=\{\gamma \in L(V) \mid$ $(v) \gamma=0$ for all $v \notin \operatorname{im} \alpha\}$. We claim that $\alpha M=L(V)$. Let $\beta \in L(V)$. Let $B^{\prime}$ be a basis of $V$. Clearly, $A=\left\{(b) \alpha \mid b \in B^{\prime}\right\}$ is linearly independent and so $A$ is a basis of im $\alpha$. Let $B$ be a basis of $V$ containing $A$. Define $\gamma \in L(V)$ on $B$ by for $x \in B$

$$
(x) \gamma= \begin{cases}(b) \beta & \text { if } x \in A \text { and } x=(b) \alpha \\ 0 & \text { if } x \notin A .\end{cases}
$$

Then $\gamma \in M$ and for $b \in B^{\prime}$, we have $(b) \alpha \gamma=((b) \alpha) \gamma=(b) \beta$. Thus $\alpha \gamma=\beta$, this implies that $\alpha M=L(V)$. Therefore $\alpha$ is a left magnifying element in $L(V)$. Conversely, assume that $\alpha$ is a left magnifying element in $L(V)$. By Lemma 2.2, we have $\alpha$ is injective. Suppose $\alpha$ is surjective. Since $\alpha$ is bijective, $\alpha^{-1}$ is defined and $\alpha^{-1} \in L(V)$. Since $\alpha$ is a left magnifying element in $L(V)$, there exists a proper subset $M$ of $L(V)$ such that $\alpha M=$ $L(V)$. We have $\alpha M=\alpha L(V)$ and so $M=\alpha^{-1} \alpha M=\alpha^{-1} \alpha L(V)=L(V)$, a contradiction, this implies that $\alpha$ is injective but not surjective.

### 2.2 Right magnifying elements

Lemma 2.6. If $\alpha$ is a right magnifying element in $L(V, W)$, then $\alpha$ is surjective.

Proof. Assume that $\alpha$ is a right magnifying element in $L(V, W)$. Therefore there exists a proper subset $M$ of $L(V, W)$ such that $M \alpha=L(V, W)$. Since $W \subseteq V$, there exists a surjective linear transformation $\beta$ in $L(V, W)$. Then there exists $\gamma \in M$ such that $\gamma \alpha=\beta$. This implies that $\alpha$ is surjective.

Lemma 2.7. Let $\alpha \in L(V, W)$ be surjective but not injective.
(1) If $(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W=\emptyset$ for some $w \in W$, then $\alpha$ is not right magnifying.
(2) If $\left|(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W\right|=1$ for all $w \in W$, then $\alpha$ is not right magnifying.
(3) If $(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W \neq \emptyset$ for all $w \in W$ and $\left|(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W\right|>1$ for some $w \in W$, then $\alpha$ is right magnifying.

Proof. Let $\alpha \in L(V, W)$ be surjective but not injective.
(1) Assume that $(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W=\emptyset$ for some $w \in W$. Let $w_{0} \in W$ be such that $\left(w_{0}\right) \alpha^{-1} \cap W=\emptyset$. Let $B$ be a basis of $V$ and define $\beta \in L(V, W)$ on $B$ by $(b) \beta=w_{0}$ for all $b \in B$. Then there is no $\gamma \in L(V, W)$ such that $\gamma \alpha=\beta$. Then $\alpha$ is not right magnifying.
(2) Assume that $\left|(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W\right|=1$ for all $w \in W$. Then $\left.\alpha\right|_{W}$ is bijective. Suppose $\alpha$ is right magnifying. Then there exists a proper subset $M$ of $L(V, W)$ such that $M \alpha=L(V, W)$. Hence $M \alpha=L(V, W) \alpha$. Since $\left.\alpha\right|_{W}$ is bijective, $M=L(V, W)$, a contradiction. Therefore $\alpha$ is not right magnifying.
(3) Assume that $(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W \neq \emptyset$ for all $w \in W$ and $\left|(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W\right|>1$ for some $w \in W$. Let $M=\{\gamma: V \rightarrow W \mid \gamma$ is not surjective $\}$. Then $M \neq L(V, W)$. Let $\beta$ be any linear transformation in $L(V, W)$. Let $B$ be a basis of $V$. Since $\alpha$ is surjective and $(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W \neq \emptyset$ for all $w \in W$, we
have for all $b \in B$, there exists $w_{b} \in W$ such that $\left(w_{b}\right) \alpha=(b) \beta$. Define $\gamma \in L(V, W)$ on a basis $B$ of $V$ by $(b) \gamma=w_{b}$ for all $b \in B$. Since $\alpha$ is not injective and $\left|(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W\right|>1$ for some $w \in W, \gamma$ is not surjective. Then $\gamma \in M$ and for all $b \in B$, we have $(b) \gamma \alpha=((b) \gamma) \alpha=\left(w_{b}\right) \alpha=(b) \beta$. Thus $\gamma \alpha=\beta$, hence $M \alpha=L(V, W)$. Therefore $\alpha$ is right magnifying.

Example 2.2. Let $V$ be a vector space over a field $\mathbb{R}$ such that $\operatorname{dim} V=\aleph_{0}$ and $B=\left\{b_{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$ is a basis of $V$. Let $W=<\left\{b_{n} \mid n \in 2 \mathbb{N}\right\}>$. Let $\alpha \in L(V, W)$ by $\left(b_{1}\right) \alpha=\left(b_{2}\right) \alpha=b_{2}$ and $\left(b_{2 n}\right) \alpha=\left(b_{2 n-1}\right) \alpha=b_{2 n-2}$ for all positive integer $n>1$. Then $\alpha$ is surjective but not injective such that $(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W \neq \emptyset$ for all $w \in W$ and $\left|(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W\right|>1$ for some $w \in W$. Let $M=\{\gamma \in L(V, W) \mid \gamma$ is not surjective $\}$. Let $\beta \in L(V, W)$ be any linear transformation. By Lemma 2.7(3), we can define $\gamma \in L(V, W)$ such that $\gamma \in M$ and $\gamma \alpha=\beta$.

For example, if $\beta$ is an element in $L(V, W)$ such that $\left(b_{n}\right) \beta=b_{2 n}$ for all $b_{n} \in B$. Define a linear transformation $\gamma \in L(V, W)$ by $\left(b_{n}\right) \gamma=b_{2 n+2}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. So $\gamma \in M$ and if $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $\left(b_{n}\right) \gamma \alpha=\left(\left(b_{n}\right) \gamma\right) \alpha=\left(b_{2 n+2}\right) \alpha=$ $b_{2 n}=\left(b_{n}\right) \beta$.

Theorem 2.8. $\alpha$ is right magnifying in $L(V, W)$ if and only if $\alpha$ is surjective but not injective such that $(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W \neq \emptyset$ for all $w \in W$ and $\left|(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W\right|>$ 1 for some $w \in W$.

Proof. Assume that $\alpha$ is right magnifying. By Lemma 2.6, $\alpha$ is surjective. Suppose $\alpha$ is injective. Since $\alpha$ is right magnifying, there exists a proper subset $M$ of $L(V, W)$ such that $M \alpha=L(V, W)$. This implies that $M \alpha=$ $L(V, W) \alpha$. Since $\alpha$ is injective, $M=L(V, W)$, a contradiction. Hence $\alpha$ is not injective. By Lemma 2.7, we have $\alpha$ is surjective but not injective such that $(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W \neq \emptyset$ for all $w \in W$ and $\left|(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W\right|>1$ for some $w \in W$. Conversely, assume that $\alpha$ is surjective but not injective such that $(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W \neq \emptyset$ for all $w \in W$ and $\left|(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W\right|>1$ for some $w \in W$. By Lemma 2.7, we have $\alpha$ is right magnifying.

Corollary 2.9. Let $\alpha \in L(V) . \alpha$ is right magnifying in $L(V)$ if and only if $\alpha$ is surjective but not injective.

Proof. This follows by Theorem 2.8 and the fact that if $\alpha$ is surjective but not injective, then $(v) \alpha^{-1} \cap V \neq \emptyset$ for all $v \in V$ and $\left|(v) \alpha^{-1} \cap V\right|>1$ for some $v \in V$.

## 3 Conclusion

We give necessary and sufficient conditions for elements in $L(V, W)$ to be left or right magnifying.

1. If $\operatorname{dim} W<\operatorname{dim} V$, then $L(V, W)$ has no left magnifying element.
2. If $\operatorname{dim} W=\operatorname{dim} V$ and $W \neq V$, then $\alpha$ is left magnifying in $L(V, W)$ if and only if $\alpha$ is injective.
3. $\alpha$ is left magnifying in $L(V)$ if and only if $\alpha$ is injective but not surjective.
4. $\alpha$ is right magnifying in $L(V, W)$ if and only if $\alpha$ is surjective but not injective such that $(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W \neq \emptyset$ for all $w \in W$ and $\left|(w) \alpha^{-1} \cap W\right|>1$ for some $w \in W$.
5. $\alpha$ is right magnifying in $L(V)$ if and only if $\alpha$ is surjective but not injective.

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